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For: CORROSION RESISTANT, HIGH STRENGTH ALLOY  
AND A METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 & 1.98

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 5, 2002

Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find a copy of an European Search Report in connection with European Patent Application corresponding the above-identified application. Also enclosed are copies of the documents cited in this European Search Report. Further enclosed is a Form, substantially equivalent to Form PTO-1449 listing the enclosed documents.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted on the first business day after one month subsequent to the mail date of the enclosed European Search Report to agents for applicants. In this regard, note the date set forth on the enclosed Communication, for transmitting the European Search Report. Thus, 37 C.F.R. 1.704(d) is satisfied.

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To the extent that the enclosed documents are not in English, it is respectfully submitted that the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(3) are satisfied by English abstracts of the enclosed documents, particularly together with citation of relevant passages of the documents in the enclosed European Search Report.

This European Search Report is being submitted prior to a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application. Accordingly, requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b) are satisfied.

In any event, the following Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(1) is made:

Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from any foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

In view of all of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with all documents listed on the enclosed Form. Accordingly, consideration of the listed documents, upon examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 500.41255X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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